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CHARLESTON, IL--Children from age 4 and young persons to 18 will have a chance to take summer courses in art, computers, dramatics, foreign languages, mathematics, music, puppetry, psychology and science through the Summer of Excellence for Young People program at Eastern Illinois University.

The program provides "fast-paced, challenging courses designed for highly motivated students," although all children are welcome to attend, Luz Whittenbarger, director and coordinator said.

Courses are "designed to give the children enrichment" through special classes and activities, she said. The courses range in length from 15-20 hours and cost \$2 per hour.

Classes begin and end on various dates, with June 1 being the starting date for the earliest and Aug. 4 the ending date for the latest.

Courses for high school students (ages 14-18) are:

--Programming Microcomputers. Students will use a hands-on approach to learning the BASIC programming language with an IBM personal microcomputer.

--Verbal Survival. Reasoning, critical thinking and simple survival in oral communications will be taught and an attempt will be made to eliminate misunderstandings.

--Creative Writing Workshop. This is an introduction to writing stories and poems, both as individuals and as a group.

--How To Be a Terrific Person. Learning to deal with relationships, both good and bad, will be the topic of this class.

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--Commercial Art from Cartoons to Computers. An introduction to cartooning, animation, illustration and graphic designing.

--Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain. Learning a new way to see and drawing from these perceptions will be the basis of this class.

--Putting Together a Puppet Show for Fun and Profit. Designing and making puppets plus writing stories for them to perform in, taking staging, scenery and other elements into consideration.

--Collecting can be Fun. Antiques, places to find them, what is a good buy and auction techniques will be studied.

--Keyboarding. An introduction to general understanding of the alphabetic/numeric keyboard using IBM Selectric typewriters, Xerox 610 electronic typewriters, and the TRS-80 Model III microcomputers including fundamentals of typewriting.

Courses for the very young (ages 4-7) are:

--Spanish: First Steps. This class will give children an excellent chance to learn a second language. The final class meeting will consist of the presentation of a play.

--Art for the Very Young Artist. An introduction to art using university resources.

--Junior Puppeteer Workshop. Children will learn the craft of making puppets and creating stories to present them in.

--Storytelling: The artistry of the oral tale told through words, music and poetry. Designed to help the very young child learn to listen, express himself and retell stories in a chanting, choral experience.

Courses for ages 8 to 15 are:

--Mathematics Bonanza for the Gifted. This course covers such topics as logic, problem solving, probability, pre-algebra and strategy games.

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--Look to the Sky: Rockets and Our Universe. Astronomy and model rocketry will be studied.

--Verbal Survival. Reasoning, critical thinking and simple survival in oral communications will be taught and an attempt will be made to eliminate misunderstandings.

--Spanish for the Young and Continuation. Inter-action through dialogue, drills and games will be included along with writing and short laboratory work.

--Beginning German, German I. Learning the language of German through songs, movies and games will be the purpose of this class.

--Le francais pour la Jeunesse. "French for youth and France for fun" is the theme of this class.

--The Library, Finding Your Way. Writing a short term paper through investigative work in a university library and organization of material will be studied in this class.

--Art Workshop for the Young Artist. Painting, sketching, sculpturing, weaving, jewelry making and printmaking will be explored.

--Dramatics for Children. A workshop in the performing arts, featuring singing, dancing and acting.

--A Workshop: A Young People's Theater. Learning the behind the scenes work that goes into a play performance will be the emphasis of this class, featuring set making, costuming, acting, music and choreography.

--Putting Together a Puppet Show for Fun and Profit. Designing and making puppets plus writing stories for them to perform in, taking staging, scenery and other elements into consideration.

--Ceramics. Students will learn the basic handbuilding techniques, such as "pinching, coiling and slab."

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--Contemporary Drumset and Percussion. A study of popular, rock and jazz music with the opportunity for each student to listen and play.

Eastern's College of Arts and Sciences and School of Fine Arts are sponsoring the program, which will use Eastern's facilities, including the Tarble Arts Center. Between 150 and 350 students are expected to attend.

The Summer of Excellence for Young People program is a self-supporting, non-profit program. Schedules will be distributed by local schools and will also be available at public libraries as well as several stores and restaurants, Whittenbarger said. Pre-registration is essential.

For more information, contact Dean Jon Laible at 581-3328 or write to the College of Arts and Sciences, 220 Old Main, or call Luz Whittenbarger, 345-2945.